

to create the nationally recognized and award-winning "Safe Housing for Children" lectures, which were sponsored by NYCLA, the New York Foundling Hospital and Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Service.

Finally, Mr. Finkelstein received Certificates of Appreciation from Presidents Ford, Nixon, Johnson and Kennedy for his service to the Nation and his contributions to the Military Selective Service Act and Selective Service System.

Mr. Speaker, I request that my colleagues join me in honoring Daniel Finkelstein's 50 years in the legal profession and his lifetime of service to New York City. Along with Danny's longtime friends, colleagues and co-workers, I wish him many more years of happiness and outstanding public service.

HONORING GARY MOUNT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Gary Mount on being named the 2005 Apple Grower of the Year by American/Western Fruit Grower magazine, sponsored by Cerexagri. This award recognizes the progressive approaches, hard work, and dedication to learning of a leading apple grower. New Jersey can be proud to have a native son singled out from among all the apple growers around the Nation.

Mount, a resident of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, has honed his growing skills along with his wife Pam, co-owner of Terhune Orchards in Princeton. Although Mount had grown up on his father's 300-acre apple farm, he did not originally plan on a farming career. Instead, Mount graduated from Princeton University with a degree in physiological psychology and had planned on pursuing his Ph.D. It was only after his experience of joining the Peace Corps and serving in the Central Pacific islands of Micronesia that Mount decided to dedicate his life to farming.

For the past 30 years, Mount has continually pursued his quest to discover the best and most innovative farming techniques. Mount has demonstrated this commitment by attending industry meetings including serving as a member of the International Dwarf Fruit Tree Association, IDFTA for more than 25 years and on the board of directors for 11 years. Additionally, Mount has been treasurer of the New Jersey State Hort Society for about 12 years, former president of the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture, a New Jersey water commissioner for many years, and currently, a soil conservation district supervisor. Active also in New Jersey Farmland Preservation, Mount's efforts have helped growers pass on their land without fear of it being developed.

Throughout his farming career, Mount has also considered it a top priority to have an environmentally sound approach to farming. Particularly on pest management issues, Mount has worked with Extension agents from Rutgers University to develop an integrated pest management, IPM program at Terhune Orchards. By informing his neighbors about his approach to pest management, and then, creating a poster with specialists at Rutgers ex-

plaining the practices and benefits of IPM that is displayed at farm markets, Mount has developed a trusting relationship with consumers who feel confident that the fruit they purchase has not been fertilized with hazardous chemicals.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 12th district of New Jersey, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gary Mount on his 2005 Apple Grower of the Year award.

HONORING THE REVEREND PHILIP CASCIA

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many friends, congregation members, and community leaders that have gathered to pay tribute to an outstanding religious leader and my good friend, Father Philip Cascia. Today marks the end of an era at St. Anthony's as we bid farewell to a real community treasure. There is no doubt that Father Cascia has touched the lives of every member of the St. Anthony's parish. Though he will be missed, the legacy he leaves will continue to inspire others for years to come.

Father Cascia's commitment to service through religious leadership has been unwavering and his involvement, not only with his congregation, but with the entire Prospect community has been essential to its spiritual growth and prosperity. One of his first acts after his ordination in 1977 was the establishment of a St. Vincent dePaul Society in Waterbury. Just a year later, the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store opened which was followed in later years by a mental health center, a soup kitchen as well as a homeless shelter—the soup kitchen and homeless shelter have become the largest in Connecticut.

Father Cascia has been a strong leader not only in our community, but in communities across the world. A 1988 trip to the Soviet Union as the coach of the wrestling team at Sacred Heart High School led to the establishment of the Waterbury-Leningrad Intersport Trade commission—a program which arranges exchanges between sports teams in the United States and other countries including China, Vietnam and Brazil. Most recently the Intersport exchange program is hoping to send soccer teams to San Paolo, Brazil, where Father Cascia is overseeing the opening of an orphanage and school. In addition to the Intersport program, for the last two decades Father Cascia, at the request of the United States Department of State, has also been helping youths in St. Petersburg, Russia. In 1991, he opened an orphanage for victims of the country's terrible earthquakes, and upon his return, Father Cascia and his parish have been sending much needed supplies to them ever since.

Father Cascia is a man of God—but so, too, is he a man of the people. And he understands that the Church is not simply comprised of people. He understands that the Church is the people—the People of God. He knows that it is the parishioners who support the Church and keep it running—who run its

charity events and bake sales—that it is their stories and their lives that infuse the Church with moral authority. There is no better example of living faith with commitment and dignity.

Father Cascia's unparalleled leadership has allowed Saint Anthony's to flourish. Our churches, as much as they are distinct, all provide innumerable contributions to our communities. He has become a fixture in our community and we owe him a great debt of gratitude for all of his good work and for enriching all of our lives. As a spiritual guide, he has nourished the souls of many—often providing much needed comfort in the hardest of personal trials. We cannot thank him enough for the indelible mark he has left on this community. For his outstanding leadership and his many years of special friendship, I am proud to join with the Prospect community in wishing Father Cascia well as he leaves Saint Anthony's. May God bless him and keep him well as he continues in his mission of peace, compassion, and most importantly, hope.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 14, 2005, during consideration of H.R. 3132, I mistakenly voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 469, the Conyers amendment. It was my intention to vote "no" on the Conyers amendment as I had consistently done in the past, and I ask unanimous consent that my statement be entered into the appropriate place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO AS THEY CELEBRATE 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 19, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio is celebrating 5 years of excellence in service to the Appalachian region of Ohio; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio has enriched the quality of lives across the 29 counties in Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, through principles based on charity and civic activism, has promoted economic opportunity and re-investment in Appalachian Ohio; and

Whereas, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio has an established reputation as an organization dedicated to the betterment of Ohio by assisting individuals and organizations with programs, services and resources.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in celebrating the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio's 5 years of outstanding service.